the school year who enrolled in a program of postsecondary education within the time period specified in the approved objective.

- (vi) (1.5 points) Postsecondary completion. Whether the applicant met or exceeded its approved objective with regard to participants who enrolled in a program of postsecondary education and attained a postsecondary degree within the number of years specified in the approved objective.
  - (2) Veterans Upward Bound.
- (i) (3 points) *Number of participants*. Whether the applicant provided services to no less than the approved number of participants.
- (ii) (3 points) Academic improvement on standardized test. Whether the applicant met or exceeded its approved objective with regard to participants who completed their Veterans Upward Bound educational program during the project year and who improved their academic performance as measured by a standardized test taken by participants before and after receiving services from the project.
- (iii) (3 points) Education program retention and completion. Whether the applicant met or exceeded its approved objective with regard to participants served during the project year who remained in or completed their Veterans Upward Bound educational program.
- (iv) (3 points) Postsecondary enrollment. Whether the applicant met or exceeded its approved objective with regard to participants who completed their Veterans Upward Bound educational program and enrolled in an institution of higher education within the time period specified in the approved objective.
- (v) (3 points) Postsecondary completion. Whether the applicant met or exceeded its approved objective with regard to participants who enrolled in and completed a program of postsecondary education within the number of years specified in the approved objective.

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## § 645.33 How does the Secretary set the amount of a grant?

- (a) The Secretary sets the amount of a grant on the basis of—
- (1) 34 CFR 75.232 and 75.233, for new grants; and
- (2) 34 CFR 75.253, for the second and subsequent years of a project period.
- (b) If the circumstances described in section 402A(b)(3) of the HEA exist, the Secretary uses the available funds to set the amount of the grant at the lesser of—
  - (1) \$200,000; or
- (2) The amount requested by the applicant.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11)

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## § 645.34 How long is a project period?

A project period under the Upward Bound program is five years.

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## § 645.35 What is the review process for unsuccessful applicants?

- (a) Technical or administrative error for applications not reviewed. (1) An applicant whose grant application was not evaluated during the competition may request that the Secretary review the application if—
- (i) The applicant has met all of the application submission requirements included in the FEDERAL REGISTER notice inviting applications and the other published application materials for the competition; and
- (ii) The applicant provides evidence demonstrating that the Department or an agent of the Department made a technical or administrative error in the processing of the submitted application.
- (2) A technical or administrative error in the processing of an application includes—
- (i) A problem with the system for the electronic submission of applications that was not addressed in accordance with the procedures included in the FEDERAL REGISTER notice inviting applications for the competition;